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Applicant: PUPPIN Examiner: CHEVALIER
Serial No.: 09/522,353 Group Art Unit: 1772
Filed: 03/09/2000 Docket No.: 9340.680US11
Title: HINGED THERMOPLASTIC-FABRIC REINFORCED STRUCTURAL
MEMBER, PROFILE AND METHODS THEREFORE

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Box: Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 32 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Fabrics can be made from individual glass fibers, individual yarns, collections of 2 to greater than 100 individual fibers, tows, yarns or other collections. Further, the fabrics can contain non-glass fibers such as carbon fiber, man-made fibers for generalized use in the industrial arts, sold under the trademark KEVLAR, metal fibers or other high performance fiber having a tensile strength approximating or greater than that of glass fiber. Such fibers can be included in a glass fiber yarn or tow or can be individually introduced into the woven or non-woven fabric at random in either the warp or weft or both. In the manufacture of non-woven fabrics, the non-woven fabric can be a single layer of randomly distributed glass fiber or yarn or multi-layer laminates of fiber or yarn distribution fabrics. Such non-woven fabrics can also include non-glass fiber incorporated with the glass fiber or between the glass fiber laminations.

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